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MHBK (Magyar Harcosok Bajtarsi Kozossege – Hungarian Warriors Comradeship Society)

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On 3 November 1953, Informants 5019 and 5020 were interviewed and furnished the following information concerning the MHBK and its possible connection with the Yugoslav government:

(fnu) BARABAS cit. Hungary?

Informants referred to information that they had previously furnished this Region on 27 May 1953, to the effect that some MHBK officials held a meeting in Salzburg that month, at the time one (fnu) Barabas was in town with a Yugoslav dance troupe. Barabas was allegedly forced out of Hungary, and was in the employ of the Tito government as a propagandist for Radio Belgrade. This meeting was allegedly attended by Istvan [illegible], a Hungarian from Belgium; Andras Zako, Chief of the MHBK; Albin [illegible], Zako's intelligence chief from Innsbruck, Austria; and an unknown Yugoslav government official. Informants had further advised that this meeting was probably held for the purpose of forming an agreement with the Yugoslav government to permit MHBK agents to pass through that country in the performance of intelligence missions into Hungary.

Members of the MHBK

cit. Hungary MHBK intelligence chief from Innsbruck Austria in 1953.

(Agent's Notes: The above information was included in Agent Report, Subject and file as above, dated 16 July 1953.)

Informants stated that it has been fairly well established that both Zako and [illegible] visited Yugoslavia since their Salzburg meeting of May 1953. Informants are of the opinion that any agreement between Yugoslavia and Zako probably has as its basis the exchanging of intelligence information for permission to pass through Yugoslavia. Barabas has allegedly been expelled from the British Zone of Austria, where he had been residing in Graz, Steiermark, in affluent circumstances, and is alleged to have returned to Yugoslavia. (F-6)

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Document Concerning activities of [illegible] Hungary 1953

On 21 November 1953, Informants 4019 and 5060 were interviewed and they furnished substantially the following information:

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1. It was learned that Andreas Zako, Chief of the MHBK, had visited Yugoslavia on 20 August 1953, where he was granted access to a Refugee Camp which housed many Hungarians, in [illegible], Yugoslavia. Informants were of the belief that it is most unusual, if not impossible, for any foreigner to be permitted entry into such a camp, unless they had some connection with the Yugoslav government. Previous information that the MHBK, through Zako, had broken relations with the French in Austria has probably been based on similar deceit. It appears that this reporting of relations is for political purposes only, while Zako is, in fact, still maintaining direct connection with the French.

R/MIS: for Hungarians — cit Hungary

2. Two of British intelligence operatives, [illegible] Hugo, and (Mr) [illegible] Arnold [illegible], [illegible], Styria (British Zone). They have the mission of contacting Hungarian refugees who cross the border into the British Zone, debriefing them, and selecting the ones eligible for intelligence missions back into Hungary. When the operatives of Zako are known to the British Field Security Service, and all their information is collected and utilized by the British, probably with the approval of Zako. Zako, therefore, is playing an extremely complicated game, in which both the Yugoslav government and the French Forces in Austria (or, at least their intelligence services) are knowingly trading information relative to Hungary through Zako, and at the same time, the British Intelligence Service is tapping Zako's organization without the knowledge of the Yugoslav or French.

Cit Hungary

Intell operative of Andreas Zako, Chief of MHBK in 1953

cit Hungary 3. One particular individual who Hugo and [illegible] attempted to recruit was one Laszlo Kiss, a former officer in the Hungarian [illegible] Police. Kiss allegedly came from Hungary a few weeks ago. [illegible] of [illegible] decided to recruit Kiss. The two operatives registered Kiss in a Graz hotel, with the understanding that they would take care of the bill. After a time, they advised Kiss that they would not pay the bill and would further see to it that the police were warned that he might attempt to leave town and "cheat" the hotel. However, all this would be taken care of if Kiss would perform certain missions in Hungary. In the face of this, Kiss allegedly departed Graz, and travelled to Linz, Upper Austria.

2 Approached by the MHBK in Austria for intell mission, in 1953

(Agent's Notes: One Laszlo Kiss is listed on MIS-G-(12-5) Preliminary Interrogation Report. He is probably identical with the Kiss mentioned above.)

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re: Hungary & Belgrade, Yugoslavia

In addition to (Dr) Dombay, mentioned as being a propagandist for Radio Belgrade, two other individuals allegedly assisted Zako in smoothing the way for a contact with the Yugoslav Intelligence Service. They are [illegible] Gur and [illegible] Linder. Gur, presently in the Graz area, was a member of the Hungarian Parliament, prior to World War II, as a Social Democrat. Linder was a member of the original Communist movement in Hungary in 1919, and was a [illegible] of the original Party. He apparently has broken with the Hungarian Communist Party in power today, because he is presently in Belgrade. Allegedly, Zako was to have travelled to Graz on 20 November 1953, accompanied by his intelligence chief, Vardaneffy, to meet with Gur.

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I. contact with ANDREAS ZAKO, Chief of MHBK, in 1953

A further tie between the MHBK, as represented by Zako, and the Yugoslav government might perhaps exist in the friendship between (Dr) Dombay and Laszlo Bolinszky, the present head of the MHBK in Graz. Dombay was apprehended by the Austrian police [illegible] the past summer while in 1953 attempting to enter Austria illegally from Yugoslavia. The Austrian authorities did not permit him to remain, and he returned to Yugoslavia. However, at the time of his apprehension, he was in possession of approximately $1000 (American Green Bills), and a list of Hungarian leaders in exile. (B-2)

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